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SHANG-CHI is an Avenger, a former MI-6 agent, and the **MASTER OF KUNG FU**. But when his friend and former lover **LEIKO WU** is murdered while working undercover for MI-6 in London's Chinese mafia, Shang opts to put aside any quest for vengeance and simply mourn his loss. However, there are questions that no one seems to want answered, he's being watched by his old friends at MI-6, and assassins are coming out of the woodwork just because Shang has shown his face. Try as he might to follow the path of peace, if the truth must out, there may be no other option but to unleash the...

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MR. WONG'S BAR. LONDON.

THE SMELL OF YEAST, SPOILED BEER AND SWEAT HANGS HEAVY IN THE AIR. I FEEL EYES UPON ME. FURTIVE GLANCES FROM THE CORNERS OF THE ROOM.

THIS IS THE FIFTH SUCH CRIMINAL BAR I'VE VISITED TONIGHT.

WATER, PLEASE.

DID YOU SAY... "WATER"?

PLEASE.

BE SURE TO PACE YOURSELF WITH THIS STUFF, SLICK.

THE WATER TASTES FOUL. AS TAINTED AND IMPURE AS THE MEN IN THIS PLACE.

SIR, I AM LOOKING FOR THIS MAN. HE GOES BY THE NAME OF WHITE DRAGON. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM OR KNOW WHERE I MAY FIND HIM?

WHAT?! YOU *CRAZY?* I NEVER *HEARD* OF THIS WHITE DRAGON. NOW DRINK YOUR WATER AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.

出口

BZZT

SORRY TO DISTURB YOU GENTLEMEN, BUT HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE YOU GET CURBED, *OUTSIDER.*

ALL I ASK IS A LITTLE COOPERATION AND THEN I CAN BE ON MY--

HERK!

THE MAN IS STRONG, HIS ARMS FEEL LIKE IRON BANDS AROUND ME. BUT I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH HIM, SO I LET HIM MOVE ME TOWARD THE DOOR.

STAY OUT!

MR WONG

I MEAN YOU NO HARM, I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE ONLY DOING YOUR JOB. BUT I *WILL* GET INSIDE.

THEN YOU'LL BE LEAVING IN A HEARSE.

FORGIVE ME IF I HAVE UPSET YOU. IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION. I AM SEARCHING FOR A MAN AND IT IS MY BELIEF SOME OF YOUR CUSTOMERS MAY HELP GUIDE ME TO HIM.

I CAN ASSURE YOU, *LITTLE MAN*, YOU ARE NOT GOING BACK INSIDE. NOW LEAVE BEFORE YOU MAKE ME ANGRY. NO MORE WARNINGS.

THIS IS AN UNFORTUNATE TURN OF EVENTS.

UNFORTUNATE FOR HIM.

NO MORE WARNINGS

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HOLD THE RAG AGAINST HIS NOSE. TILT HIS HEAD BACK. THE BLEEDING SHALL STOP SOON.

I WILL ONLY ASK *ONCE* MORE. THE MAN IN THE PICTURE. I NEED TO FIND HIM.

YES, YES. OF COURSE. SUDDENLY, I SEEM TO RECALL THE MAN YOU SEEK. YES, YES. I DON'T KNOW WHERE *HE* IS, BUT SOME OF MY CUSTOMERS USE A BROTHEL HE OWNS.

IT IS IN THE BUSINESS SECTION OF THE CITY. I GIVE YOU THE ADDRESS AND YOU GO, YES?

AH, THE FRUITS OF DIPLOMACY ARE SWEET, INDEED.

THE BLOKE NEEDS A CRANE TO CARRY A SET LIKE THAT AROUND. HE'S ON SOME KIND OF SUICIDAL PUB CRAWL, STROLLING INTO THE WORST BARS IN THE CITY WITH A BLOODY PHOTOGRAPH. I WANT MI-6 EYES ON SHANG-CHI AT *ALL TIMES.*

YES SIR, DIRECTOR TARR.

Mr Wo

BASTARD! YOU DON'T WALK AWAY THAT EAS--

THUMP

THUMP

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THUMP

NOT A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD TO RUN OUT ON A BAR TAB, SHANG-CHI.

SKULL CRUSHER. LEADER OF ONE OF THE CRIMINAL CLANS. I APPEAR TO HAVE KICKED ENOUGH CRATES, THE RATS ARE STARTING TO COME OUT.

THE GREAT SHANG-CHI. IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE LAST MET. I HAVE COME TO TALK, NOT TO FIGHT.

AND WHAT IS IT YOU WISH TO TALK ABOUT?

Mr WONG

LEIKO WU.

COME, LET US WALK.

A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE WE LAST MET.

MY TIME IS PRECIOUS, SKULL CRUSHER. YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT LEIKO WU? TALK.

EXCUSE ME. CHAO SINA, IT IS A GREAT JOY TO SEE YOU! IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE IN THE AREA I WOULD HAVE ARRANGED FOR A TOUR. THE ORPHANAGE IS ALMOST COMPLETE.

SUCH SPLENDID NEWS, A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT TO BEHOLD! I SHALL SCHEDULE A TOUR WHEN IT IS COMPLETED.

YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR US?

NOT TODAY, CHILDREN. ANOTHER TIME, PERHAPS.

PLEASSSSSSEEE???

YAAY!!!

THINGS ARE NOT AS THEY ONCE WERE, SHANG-CHI. WE HAVE HISTORY AS ENEMIES, YOU CAN ONLY SEE ME AS SUCH. A VILLAIN. A MENACE TO SOCIETY.

BUT THESE PEOPLE, *MY* PEOPLE, THEY SEE ME FOR WHAT I REALLY AM.

THAT BUILDING USED TO BE AN OPIUM DEN FOR DRUG ADDICTS. MY CLAN *TOOK IT*, RESTORED IT USING OUR OWN FUNDS.

TODAY THIS BUILDING IS USED TO HOUSE OVER THIRTY HOMELESS CHILDREN.

AND IS IT FAIR TO SAY WHEN THESE CHILDREN BECOME YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN THEY WILL COME WORK FOR YOU?

MAYBE SO, SHANG. BUT REMEMBER--IT IS EASY TO FIND A THOUSAND SOLDIERS, BUT HARD TO FIND A GOOD GENERAL. I WILL GIVE THEM A NEW LIFE. A NEW FAMILY. I WILL TEACH THEM TO PUT FOOD ON THEIR TABLES. THEY WILL LEARN A USEFUL TRADE.

LEARNING TO KILL IS *NOT* A TRADE.

WE ALL CARRY AROUND THE BURDEN OF OUR PAST. IT IS A WEIGHT THAT WILL DRAG US DOWN IF WE DON'T SET IT ASIDE. THINGS ARE NOT HOW THEY WERE. TODAY I AM A LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMAN. ***MOSTLY.*** I HAVE AIDED MY PEOPLE IN OVERCOMING IMMOVABLE OBSTACLES.

TWO YEARS AGO THIS RESTAURANT WAS GOING UNDER. ANOTHER CLAN WAS EXTORTING MONEY FROM ITS ELDERLY OWNERS.

WE PUT AN END TO THAT. AS YOU CAN SEE--TODAY THE BUSINESS IS THRIVING.

Mom & Pop chinese Dumpling House

TWO CHRYSANTHEMUM TEAS WITH WOLFBERRY, DEAR.

THE TAKEOUT WINDOW WAS MY IDEA. AND CHRYSANTHEMUM WAS HER FAVORITE...

LEIKO.

I AM SURE THIS WILL BE HARD FOR YOU TO HEAR, BUT LEIKO WU AND I...WE WERE LOVERS.

KEEP YOUR TEA. I DO NOT HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO *TALL TALES*.

SHANG, STAY. WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU IS IMPORTANT.

WHEN LEIKO CAME TO ME, SHE WAS AN UNDERCOVER MI-6 OPERATIVE WORKING TO INFILTRATE MY ORGANIZATION. SOMETHING MANY HAVE TRIED. ALL FAILED. ALL BUT HER.

PAPERS SHOWED SHE DID JAIL TIME. THE MEN WHO VOUCHED FOR HER WERE CREDIBLE. LEIKO PLAYED THE ROLE OF A HARDENED CRIMINAL *SEAMLESSLY*.

BUT WE HAD TO BE *SURE*. WE NEEDED A *FINAL* TEST, ONE SHE COULD NOT FAKE. ONE THAT WOULD LEAVE BLOOD ON HER HANDS FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.

"SHE WAS ORDERED TO TAKE ON FIVE OF THE WHITE DRAGON'S SOLDIERS. WITHOUT BLINKING AN EYE, SHE SLAUGHTERED THEM ALL.

"HER CUNNING, HER SKILL, HER...*RUTHLESSNESS*. SHE SURPRISED US THAT NIGHT.

"I BELIEVE SHE MAY HAVE EVEN SURPRISED HERSELF.

"AND SHE CONTINUED TO PROVE HER VALUE, WORKING HER WAY UP THE FOOD CHAIN. NOT ONLY COULD SHE FIGHT LIKE A WARRIOR, SHE WAS A MASTER THIEF.

"TO WATCH HER WORK WAS A THING OF BEAUTY.

"ADMIRATION AND RESPECT GREW INTO SOMETHING MORE. ***LOVE***. WE SHARED EVERYTHING, SHE TOLD ME ALL HER SECRETS, EVEN HER WORKING FOR MI-6. SHE WAS LEAVING MI-6 FOR ME, WE WERE GOING TO CHANGE THINGS FOR THE BETTER...***TOGETHER***."

STOP! I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOUR RIDICULOUS LIES! YOUR ***VULGARITIES*** HAVE DISTRACTED ME TOO LONG ALREADY.

SAYS THE MAN WHO ADMITS TO LEADING A GOOD WOMAN TO RUIN.

THAT ADDRESS... IT'S A BROTHEL RUN BY WHITE DRAGON. IT IS IN A HIGH-RISE TOWER IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT. GO THERE, SEE HOW A ***TRUE*** VILLAIN TREATS PEOPLE.

LEIKO WU WAS NOT THE WOMAN YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW. SHE WAS SO MUCH MORE. WE HAD A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION, SHE SAW WHAT WAS GOOD IN ME.

AND LOOK WHERE THAT LEFT HER.

HUBRIS ISN'T ONLY FOR MOBSTERS AND VILLAINS, SHANG-CHI! LEIKO SAW THE BIG PICTURE, SHE KNEW THAT SHE ***NEEDED*** ME. AND MARK MY WORDS, BEFORE THIS IS ALL OVER...

"...SO WILL YOU."

NOW ARRIVING AT THE PENTHOUSE LEVEL.

WELCOME! DO YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT?

NO. I DO NOT.

NOT A PROBLEM. WE HAVE LOTS OF GIRLS TO CHOOSE FROM.

TING-A-LING

LET ME KNOW IF ONE CATCHES YOUR EYE.

ONE ALREADY HAS. I AM HERE TO SPEAK WITH *YOU*.

ARE YOU WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT?

I AM NOT WITH THE POLICE. I'M JUST LOOKING FOR A MAN.

NOT REALLY MY FORTE, LOVE.

THIS MAN.
NEVER SEEN THIS CHAP IN MY LIFE. SORRY.
YOU ARE LYING.
AND WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
YOUR EYES.
I THINK IT'S BEST YOU LEAVE NOW, BEFORE YOU GET INTO TROUBLE.
CALL YOUR PEOPLE. TELL THEM SHANG-CHI IS HERE ASKING QUESTIONS. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WHITE DRAGON. TELL THEM I WILL NOT LEAVE.
LISTEN, MISTER, I'VE GOT *MY GIRLS* TO THINK ABOUT. BRINGING AROUND THIS KIND OF TROUBLE--
SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS KIND OF TROUBLE IS HARDLY A RARITY. THEY DID THIS TO YOU?
LEAVE NOW--
I KNOW THE MAN WHO DID THIS TO YOU--RAZOR FIST, YES? HE IS AS SADISTIC AS THEY COME.
THIS WILL BE NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT HE'LL DO TO ME FOR LETTING YOU IN HERE.
YOU WON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID ANYMORE. *I PROMISE.*
MAKE THE CALL.

SOON.

ALL RIGHT, CHIPPY. WHERE'S HE AT?

ROOM 3.

WE'LL MAKE THIS QUICK, THEN WE DEAL WITH *YOU*.

BANG BANG

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WHAT THE--

THAT WITCH--

WHACK

THUMP

THUD

SPLASH

WHERE IS THE WHITE DRAGON?

GO #&$@ YOURSELF.

LIGHTS, LADIES.

I BELIEVE YOU GENTLEMAN ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THESE UPSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN.

NOW TELL ME WHERE TO FIND WHITE DRAGON AND MAYBE I CAN CONVINCE THEM TO LEAVE YOU ALIVE.

P-PLEASE--I DON'T KNOW! WE NEVER MEET HIM IN PERSON. WE TAKE CARE OF THE GIRLS AND COLLECT THE MONEY. THAT'S IT.

THE WALL OF THE DEAD! I HAVE HEARD THE WHITE DRAGON CAN BE FOUND AT THE WALL OF THE DEAD AFTER HE AND HIS MEN CLOSE THE BARS. THAT'S ALL I KNOW, I *SWEAR!*

DON'T LET THE LADIES PLAY *TOO* ROUGH.

CALL THIS NUMBER, IT'S A DIRECT LINE TO AVENGERS TOWER. AS I PROMISED, NO MORE TROUBLE.

NOOOO! PLEASE! AHHHHH!

THE WALL OF THE DEAD--NAMES OF WHITE DRAGON CLAN WARRIORS WHO HAVE PASSED ON TO THE NEXT REALM. I NEED TO QUIET MY MIND SO I MAY HEAR MY ANCESTORS SPEAK.

GO! GO! YOU NO SIT THERE!

I GO TO THE PLACE OF NO MIND. THE TRUE WARRIOR KNOWS WHEN TO RUSH OUT TO FIND ANSWERS...

...AND WHEN TO LET THE ANSWERS COME TO HIM.

SHANG-CHI. I WISH I COULD SAY IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET AGAIN, BUT THE ONLY TRUE HONOR WILL BE SLICING OFF YOUR LIMBS AND SETTING FIRE TO YOUR TORSO.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY, RAZORFIST.

I'LL CUT THAT SMILE RIGHT OFF YOUR FACE!

SHUNK

CHANG

A "THANK YOU" WOULD BE APPROPRIATE HERE.

OR AN "I'M SORRY I RUINED YOUR STAKEOUT, MISTY AND COLLEEN."

MISTY KNIGHT AND COLLEEN WING. THE *DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON.*

WHAT ARE THEY DOING *HERE?* CAN'T LET IT DISTRACT ME.

NOT THAT I AM UNHAPPY TO SEE THEM. *OR* UNAPPRECIATIVE OF THEIR PRESENCE.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO RESIST THE URGE TO SIMPLY WATCH THEIR LETHAL BEAUTY.

AND *LETHAL* IS EXACTLY WHAT I NEED NOW.

NOT SO TOUGH NOW THAT YOU'RE DISARMED OF YOUR LITTLE SPINNY WHEELS, ARE YOU?

DO I *LOOK* DISARMED?

SHRUK

SHBFF

MYSTICAL *AND* PUNNY?

I AM *SO* LOOKING FORWARD TO STABBING YOU.

THEIR SKILL HAS GROWN SINCE I LAST SAW THEM...

...BUT OUR ATTACKERS ARE SKILLED AS WELL.

YOUR BRAVADO IS AMUSING, LITTLE BIRD.

IT IS TIME TO MOVE FROM OBSERVER TO ACTIVE PARTICIPANT.

HOW'S YOUR EXTRA ARM FEELING NOW, TOUGH GUY?

RRAARRGH!

HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT IS LIKE A STORMY SEA.

CRACK

RAGING, UNSTOPPABLE WAVES OF VIOLENCE...

SLICE

...AND THE TIDE CAN TURN QUICKLY.

TO BEST NAVIGATE THOSE WATERS, ONE MUST BE LIKE THEM, FLUID AND ADAPTABLE.

SHUNK SHUNK

I'LL HAVE MY WEAPONS BACK, AND THEN I'LL HAVE *YOUR HEADS!*

SLICE

THAT TATTOO...IT SIGNIFIES A FORM OF BLACK MAGIC I THOUGHT ONLY EXISTED IN CHILDREN'S STORIES.

MAO SHAN PAI!

IT IS SAID BLACK MAGIC LOSES SOME OF ITS POWER WHEN IT IS NAMED OUT LOUD.

THEY CERTAINLY SEEM WORRIED.

COME, BROTHERS, WE HAVE OTHER PLACES TO BE.

UNTIL NEXT WE MEET, SHANG-CHI.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M FINE. JUST PISSED I'LL HAVE TO HEAR ONE OF STARK'S *"DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH GOOD CYBERNETICS COST?"* RANTS.

THE GHOST'S TATTOO, IT'S A RARE FORM OF MAO SHAN MAGICS. THERE'S ONLY ONE TEMPLE THAT PRACTICES THIS BLACK MYSTICISM. SHOW THIS SYMBOL TO MI-6, THEY WILL TELL YOU WHERE TO GO. SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND.

WHAT ABOUT OUR STAKEOUT? WE WERE PICKING UP SOME GOOD ACTION COMING OUT OF WHITE DRAGON'S CLUB.

I WILL GO. THE SITUATION NEEDS TO BE HANDLED MOST DELICATELY.

WHITE DRAGON!

SHOW YOURSELF! I HAVE COME TO MAKE YOU ANSWER FOR THE DEATH OF LEIKO WU!

HERE I AM, SHANG-CHI. BUT THE ONLY ANSWERS I WILL GIVE YOU LIE AT THE BOTTOM OF A ***SHALLOW GRAVE!***

TO BE CONTINUED